

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims. To further prosecution of this application, Applicants submit the above amendments and the following remarks. The claims as presented are now in allowable condition.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 16-35 are currently active in the application where the claims have been renumbered to comply with 37 CFR §1.126. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 16, 17, 21-29, 31 and 33 have been allowed. Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled. Claims 18, 30, 32, 34, and 35 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 for failure to comply with the written description requirement.

Compliance with the Written Description Requirement

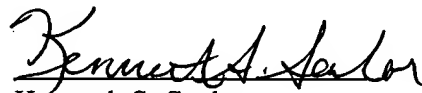
Claims 18, 20, 30, 32, 34, and 35 have been amended so as to not require a chuck as an element of a fluid processing disposable set. In claim 18, the discrete pocket may be accepted by a feature of a chuck. In claims 30 and 32, the convolution is distendable into a core. In claims 34 and 35, the convolutions are distendable into core features of a chuck.

For support for amendments to claim 18 see application page 10, lines 20-26 and Fig. 9b. For support for amendments to claims 30 and 32, see application page 10, lines 10-26 and Figs. 9a and 9b. For support for amendments to claim 34, see application page 10, lines 10-26 and Figs. 9a and 9b. For support for amendments to claim 35, see application page 10, line 27 -- page 11, line 15 and Figs. 10a and 10b.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after these amendments, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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